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World Summit on the Information Society

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in particular its development objectives,

Recognizing the potential of the information and communication technologies to reduce the disparities between developed and developing countries and to help the international community to maximize the benefits of globalization while minimizing its negative impacts,

Recalling its resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001 on the World Summit on the Information Society, in which it endorsed resolution 73 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union and the proposal to hold the said Summit in two phases, respectively, in Geneva in 2003 and in Tunis in 2005,

Recalling also its resolution 57/238 of 20 December 2002, in which it called on the international community to participate actively in the preparatory process of the Summit and to contribute to the trust fund established by the International Telecommunication Union to that effect,

Recalling further its resolution 57/295 of 20 December 2002, in which it called for providing the United Nations system with a global strategy in the field of information and communication technologies,

Taking note of the framework approved for the second phase of the Summit and of the preparatory meetings to be held at the national, regional and international levels,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Reaffirming the unified and holistic character of the Summit and of its legal framework, as well as the interaction, complementarity and synergy between its two phases,

1. *Welcomes* the holding of the first phase of the Summit on the Information Society in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003;

2. *Calls* on all relevant stakeholders in the Summit process:

(a) To ensure that the Summit produces an outcome that contributes to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) To establish a genuine partnership among all concerned actors with a view to reducing the digital divide and harnessing the potential of information and communication technology to accelerate the attainment of economic, social and cultural development objectives;

(c) To ensure that the second phase of the Summit, to be held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005, adopts an outcome, inter alia, fostering digital solidarity at the global level and an agenda encompassing national and regional action plans, as appropriate;

3. *Invites* Member States to participate actively in the second phase of the Summit and its preparatory process;

4. *Reiterates* its call to the international community to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund established by the International Telecommunication Union to support the preparation for and the holding of the second phase of the Summit, as well as to facilitate the effective participation and representation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;

5. *Encourages* effective contributions from and the active participation of all relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the Information and Communication Technology Task Force, and encourages other intergovernmental organizations, including international and regional institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, to contribute to, and actively participate in, the Summit;

6. *Expresses* its satisfaction for the leading role played by the International Telecommunication Union in the preparation of the first phase of the Summit, and urges it to continue to play a leading role in the preparatory process and in the second phase, to be held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005;

7. *Requests* the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the outcome of the first phase and progress in the preparations for the second phase of the Summit.